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1. I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY COB MARCH 19 AT LATEST DATA ON GOSL DEBT REQUESTED REF (A). THE MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT IS PRESSING FINANCE TO PAY THE DEBT BUT OBVIOUSLY NEEDS AN EXACT FIGURE. HE HAS REQUESTED SAME FROM EMBASSY TWICE SINCE REF (A) SENT. SITUATION PECULIAR AT BEST WHEN EMBASSY CAN NOT ASSIST MINDEV IN ITS EFFORTS TO HAVE GOSL PAY ITS DEBT TO USG.

2. SPURT OF ACTIVITY BY MINDEV TO CLEAR DEBT STEMS FROM ITS EAGERNESS TO CONCLUDE FY-73 PL-480 AGREEMENT COVERING COMMODITIES REQUESTED REF (B). IT IS COUNTING ON FUNDS THEREBY GENERATED TO HELP FINANCE SEVERAL KEY PROJECTS SUCH AS NJALA CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AND CARE FEEDER ROAD CONSTRUCTION SCHEME. THESE PROJECTS ARE INTEGRAL PART OF GOSL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING AND ARE TOTALLY CONSISTENT WITH USG OBJECTIVE STATED IN 1972 PARA TO "CONTRIBUTE TO SIERRA LEONE'S DEVELOPMENT PARTICULARLY IN AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT." PL-480 IS MOST IMPORTANT RESOURCE WE HAVE FOR MEETING THIS OBJECTIVE AND I THEREFORE URGE WASHINGTON APPROVAL FOR GOSL FY-73 PL-480 REQUEST WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.
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